

REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action of August 11, 2006 has been carefully reviewed. The Examiner rejected claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Look et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,757,906 B1) and Kikinis (U.S. Patent No. 5,929,849). In response, Applicant has canceled claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 16, 22, 24 and 25. The Examiner's rejection of these claims is therefore not addressed.

The remaining grounds for rejection are traversed on the basis of the arguments and claim amendments presented herein. Namely, none of the references relied upon by the Examiner, either individually or in any possible combination, illustrate a system for automatically determining when the number of interactive links in a frame exceed the number of interactive links a user can review and access in real-time. The present invention determines how many interactive links are within a frame. Further, when the number of interactive links within a frame exceed the number of interactive links a user can review and access in real-time, the system automatically stores the frame with associated interactive links for the user's later review. All six independent claims now contain details regarding these features. None of the references relied upon by the Examiner, either individually or in combination, illustrate these feature.

The Look et al reference relied upon by the Examiner discloses a system for pausing a portion of a video feed. However, Look et al relies solely upon user input for its

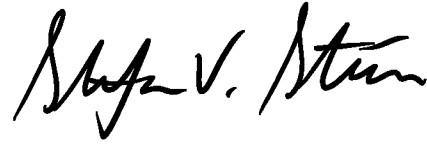
functionality. See Col 2 lines 21-22. By contrast, and as highlighted in all pending claims, the present system analyzes the video stream and determines whether the number of interactive links within the video stream exceed the number of interactive links the user can review and access in real-time. Unlike Look et al., the system of the present invention programmatically makes a determination as to whether or not to store a pending frame for the user's review. This feature enables users to not worry about missing individual links within a frame, particularly when there are numerous interactive links within an individual frame. This feature is neither taught nor suggested by Look et al. Nor is this feature taught by Kikinis. Accordingly, any possible combination of these references would still be lacking this inventive feature.

In summary, none of the references relied upon by the Examiner, either alone or in any possible combination, teach the inventive features now claimed. Namely, a system for automatically storing a frame and associated interactive links when the number of interactive links within the frame exceed the number of interactive links a user can access and review in real-time. The Section 103 rejection is therefore respectfully traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all grounds for objection and rejection are believed to be overcome. However, should any additional points remain, the Examiner may call the undersigned collect to discuss

any of the issues addressed in this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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